



corps, shake out their equipment and get back to the basics of combat engineering during November's DIGEX.

The DIGEX, or dig exercise, is designed to train and qualify engineer crews on the M9 Armored Combat Earth Mover (ACE) and FLU 419 Small Emplacement Excavator (SEE). Constructing fighting positions for armored vehicles or personnel, clearing obstacles, sound dampening and improvement of operational sites within specified dimensions and under the time constraints of combat conditions, all serve as bench marks for crew qualification.

“Our training here helps increase surviv-

*(Below) Spc. Saul Blanco, Co. C, 40th EN, plows through dirt, digging an armored vehicle fighting position with an M9 ACE.*

